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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACTS: DEPUTY AIRTON SOARES

REF: SAO PAULO 0082

- 1. DEPUTY SOARES HAS APPOINTMENT WITH ZIMMERMANN ON
 21 JANUARY AT 11:30 A.M. -- ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN
 THE DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED ON THE 20TH. DEPARTMENT HAS
 BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MARK SCHNEIDER AND JOHN SALZBURG
 (OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S STAFF) ABOUT VISIT AND BOTH
 HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MEETING WITH DEPUTY. DETAILS
 WILL BE SET FOLLOWING INITIAL MEETING IN DEPARTMENT.
- 2. MEETING WITH IAHRC MEMBERS MAY BE DIFFICULT.
 COMMISSION NOT IN SESSION DURING SOARES' VISIT. IAHRC
 STAFF, HOWEVER, IS PRESENT IN WASHINGTON OFFICE DURING
 INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD AND IS AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH
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SOARES FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION. IAHRC IS BEST EQUIPPED HOWEVER, TO RECEIVE FORMAL, WRITTEN REPORTS OR COMPLAINTS. (FYI: WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER MODALITIES FOR SETTING UP ANY IAHRC APPOINTMENT, SINCE UNLIKE MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS IT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR SOARES TO CONTACT THIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP DIRECTLY, ALBEIT WITH FACILITATIVE INFORMATION FROM US.) IN ANY CASE, IAHRC

APPOINTMENT WOULD APPEAR TO BE SUBJECT WE SHOULD DISCUSS WITH SOARES DURING CALL WITH ZIMMERMANN.

- 3. WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE SOARES ON QUESTION OF ATTENDING INAUGURAL CEREMONY. SEATS ARE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED BY CONGRESS, WHICH IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FOR PLACES, AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN SEATING FOR FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS BEYOND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS -- WHO ARE SERVING AS OFFICIAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES.
- 4. GERARD R. PASCUA, ARA/ECA (202-632-0655) WILL SERVE AS CONTACT FOR SOARES' WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS. KISSINGER

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